The NCF has been translated in the regional languages of Assamese, Bengali, Dogri, Gujarati, Kannada, Konkani, Malayaiam, Manipuri, Maithili, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Tamil, and Telugu and translated versions have been sent to the respective State Governments and Organisations. State Governments were, in pursuance of decision taken in the CABE meeting, requested to initiate discussion among all stakeholders and convey their considered views to the CABE after which the draft will be discussed further and finalized in the next meeting of the CABE to be held in August 2005.

The NCERT will prepare syllabi based on the revised curriculum and thereafter, prepare textbooks in all subjects for all classes.

The NCERT is an apex level body to provide educational resource support on issues relating to school education. Curriculum design has a special place among the diverse responsibilities envisaged in the charter of NCERT.

The reforms envisaged in the NCF 2005 will go a long way in reducing the curricular burden on children, reducing inequality in the classrooms and making learning a more joyful and relevant experience. These measures are likely to impact dropout rates. With more and more children accessing and participating in the learning process, there will be a significant impact on literacy in the years to come.

Law Universities

†674. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received proposals for setting up of Law Universities and National Law Schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are going to consider the proposals;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) According to

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the information furnished by the Ministry of Law & Justice, one of the recommendations made in the Report of the Special Subject Group on the Administrative and Legal Simplifications constituted by the Prime Minister's Council on Trade & Industry on 14.12.1998 relates to setting up of three National Law Schools in eastern, western and northern regions of the country on the pattern of the National Law School at Bangalore. The Department of Legal Affairs has accepted the said recommendations in principle. It has however, been felt by them that this purpose can be achieved by establishing one university, namely National Law University, with its three national Law Centres in the said three regions, with an enabling provision for setting up more centers as per future needs. As per Ministry of finance (Department of Expenditure), the proposal will form part of plan expenditure. Therefore, a plan scheme has to be formulated in consultation with Planning Commission and to be examined under Expenditure Finance Committee (EFG) procedure. On of the advice of Department of Expenditure, the matter has been taken up by the Department of Legal Affairs with the Ministry of Urban Development to prepare a layout, cost of construction and other details.

(e) No specific time frame can be fixed for the setting up of the proposed University.

Change in NCERT curriculum

†675. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government have a scheme to change curricula of NCERT text books;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the resons for changing curricula of NCERT books every now and then?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes. Sir.

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